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Mr. George Derbyshire
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Dear George:

Thanks for the description of McArthur's microscope. In fact I visited him in London last April and brought back one of his instruments at that time. It is a handy gadget, but actually even more complicated than anything we would need on a spacecraft. But it has a real use in field work. For a vidicon read out we would just bolt an objective lens right on the camera; no eyepiece is needed in this case.

As you will have noted, I am calling Committee 14 for a meeting on October 29. You are, as always, very cordially welcome; but you ought to decide yourself whether you should spend the time and cost of the trip. If there are any new task requirements that C-14 should be briefed on, this would be a particular reason for your attendance; otherwise it might be mainly for your own information. The arrangements can be handled quite smoothly here -- let my secretary (now Mrs. Jo Holsti) know of any needs for accommodations.

Will the Board be active in any way at the Pacific Science Congress at Honolulu in August 1961? I notice Lloyd Berkner's name on the national committee (for geophysics).

Yours sincerely,

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